

Appendix 5 Matching Fund Requirements

Wisconsin Medicaid funds are a combination of state and federal funds. In order for the state to collect the approximately 60 percent federal share, Wisconsin Medicaid has to secure approximately 40 percent as the state share. For Medicaid crisis intervention, existing state and local funding will constitute this state match. This could be county tax levy or any state GPR aids allocated to county agencies administering crisis intervention services to eligible recipients. This has two implications:

- ♦ First, when an agency submits a bill to the fiscal agent for the actual allowable hours of the crisis intervention services, the fiscal agent pays the federal share to the county agency, subject to reimbursement limits set by the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS).
- ♦ Second, Medicaid-certified crisis intervention agencies must have sufficient state or local funding to serve as the non-federal share of crisis intervention reimbursement and must maintain an audit trail to document expenditures for eligible recipients.

There are two limitations on funds allowable for matching funds:

1. Federal monies may not be used to match the federal share of Medicaid dollars, unless the federal funds are authorized by the federal government for this purpose.
2. Local funds already being used to match other federal funds may not be used as a match for crisis intervention. Examples of this include:
 - ♦ The same local funds may not be claimed as a match for Community Support Program (CSP) services and crisis intervention.
 - ♦ The same local funds may not be claimed as a match for maternal/child health block grants and crisis intervention.

Bona fide donations may be used as matching funds. Bona fide donations are defined in 42 CFR 433.54.

Providers are encouraged to contact Wisconsin Medicaid at the address below if providers are considering using funds other than county tax levy or community aids allocated to your agency as the local funds.

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